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SHOW LOW MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 12 YEARS IN PRISON

TUCSON. – Anthony Emery, 22, of Show Low, Ariz. was sentenced here Wednesday to over 12 years in prison, by U.S. District Judge Cindy Jorgenson. Emery had pleaded guilty on April 24, 2006, to aiding and abetting a bank robbery, brandishing a deadly weapon during a crime of violence, and hostage taking.

On April 19, 2004, Emery, then 20 years old, and a 17-year-old juvenile accomplice entered the National Bank of Arizona in Safford, Arizona. Emery pulled out a loaded revolver and ordered everyone in the bank to get on the floor. He then demanded that a bank employee place money into his backpack. The bank employees gave over \$60,000 to Emery and his juvenile accomplice who then fled the area. They then drove to pick up Emery's juvenile girlfriend, who had been waiting for them at a church parking lot in Safford. After leaving Safford, Emery and his two juvenile accomplices were pursued by the police. After a high speed chase into the desert, Emery crashed the stolen vehicle he was driving. He and the three accomplices fled on foot. When he was approached by the police, Emery put a firearm to the head of his girlfriend, and threatened to shoot her if the police attempted to apprehend him. Eventually, Emery put the gun down and surrendered.

The judge sentence the defendant to 70 months for the bank robbery and the hostage taking and to a consecutive term of 84 months for the brandishing of the firearm.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Graham County Sheriff's Office, Safford Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, and the Bureau of Land Management Rangers. The prosecution was handled by David Paul Flannigan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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